



# WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

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## Minutes of the Water & Sewer Commission meeting 7/28/2021

Meeting held at Council on Aging, Chace Road, East Freetown, MA

3:00PM Meeting called to order by Bob Parker  
Members present: Bob Parker; Paul Sadeck; Lee Baumgartner  
Staff present: Keven Desmarais; Steven Chandler  
Guests: Debra Robbins; James Rezendes; Stuart Clark

Meeting being audio recorded by Paul Sadeck

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### Assonet Commons

- Discussion of Assonet Commons to be located at 125 South Main Street. Consists of two buildings consisting of two 32-unit apartment buildings.
- Stuart Clark presents the infrastructure details for wastewater.
- System designed to flow approximately 8,000 gallons per day of wastewater.
- Jim Rezendes speaks of existing line infrastructure that can be utilized for wastewater line for this project.
  - A 2" HDPE pipe that is welded could be run through the existing 12" main that is not currently in use to accommodate the amount of flow for this project.
  - Intent is to make it so if the Town is ready to utilize the pipe it would be available for wastewater use in the future if the line is brought north to four corners.
- Keven Desmarais asks if sewer meter will be installed on site. The meter should be a MasterMeter so the FW&SC has the ability to read and bill. For water, there should be one meter in each building for domestic water service. Chandler will provide contact information of MasterMeter representative for Stuart Clark.
- Debra Robbins has put the building portion of the project on hold for the time being due to very high pricing of building materials.
- Keven Desmarais asks about construction oversight: Jim Rezendes says a pressure test will take place before final tie-in and Jim will call the FW&SC office beforehand to notify.
- A 6" fire service line must be separate from water line when going into the buildings.
- Debra Robbins will submit applications for water and sewer.
- Contract at time of sewer extension in the future should include stipulation that the contractor for that project will be responsible for pulling the Assonet Commons 2" piping out of the 8" sewer line as a new connection is made to Assonet Commons.

### Other business

- Keven Desmarais lets Board know that a resident has asked when the hydrant that was hit last year will be replaced. Keven got all the information including police report for hydrant at time of accident, submitted to Town Administrator at the time, David DeManche, to submit to insurance and David did nothing about it.
- Keven speaking about MS4 report that was never implemented by former Town Administrator Peter Jankowski. This report must be done according to EPA guidance.
  - EPA representative contacted the FW&SC office because water being bled from hydrant and a resident called EPA to complain. FW&SC is now required to have water that is flowing into catch basin tested.
- Mass Rail project engineer Middlesex has requested that the Braley water main be shut down temporarily while they do work on the crossing at Braley.
  - The work would be done at night. Affected would be residents, businesses and manufacturing north of rail tracks.
  - By consensus the FW&SC is requiring that Middlesex not interrupt water service because it would be detrimental to water customers, so the Board is requiring that a jump connection is installed to keep water flowing.
- Chandler has an abatement for the Freetown Fire Department.
  - Paul makes a motion to abate fire station bill. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Sadeck motion to adjourn at 3:54PM. Bob Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Chandler  
Senior Clerk  
Freetown Water & Sewer Commission